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SUBJ: ADAMSKI LEAVES FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR VICE MINISTERSHIP
OF TRANSPORTATION BUT RETAINS POLONIA ROLE "FOR TIME BEING"

1. DIRECTOR SZEWCZYK OF MFA DEPARTMENT III CONFIRMED
TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 4 THAT WIESLAW ADAMSKI,
WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION
WAS ANNOUNCED IN TRYBUNA LUDU JUNE 22, HAS NOW LEFT
HIS POSITION AS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. SZEWCZYK SAID
ADAMSKI'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OVERSEEING CONSULAR
AFFAIRS IN THE MFA HAVE BEEN ASSUMED "TEMPORARILY"
BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MARIAN DMOCHOWSKI; HE ADDED
THAT IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER A NEW VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER WILL BE NAMED TO REPLACE ADAMSKI.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY OFFICER'S QUESTION,
SZEWCZYK SAID ADAMSKI WAS RETAINING HIS POSITION
AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LIAISON
WITH POLES ABROAD (POLONIA) "FOR THE TIME BEING".
HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION WHETHER
ADAMSKI WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN THAT JOB INDEFINITELY, NOW
THAT HE WAS MOVING INTO A MINISTRY HAVING NO DIRECT
RELATIONSHIP TO POLONIA AFFAIRS, IN CONTRAST
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TO THE MFA. NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO SZEWCZYK,
ADAMSKI'S ACTIVITY VIS-A-VIS POLONIA HAS NOT SLACKENED;
IN FACT, HE HAS JUST COMPLETED A TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA
IN THAT CONNECTION.

3. COMMENT: SZEWCZYK WOULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION
FOR ADAMSKI'S CHANGE OF VICE-MINISTERSHIPS. HIS

MOVE TO TRANSPORTATION MAY ACTUALLY REPRESENT A PROMOTION

IF HE TURNS OUT TO BE THE REPLACEMENT FOR FIRST VICE MINISTER ROMUALD PETRASZEK, WHOSE DEPARTURE FROM THE POSITION FOR "SERVICE ABROAD" IS REPORTED IN THE JULY 5 TRYBUNA LUDU. ON THE QUESTION OF HIS KEEPING THE POLONIA JOB, ANOTHER SOURCE SAID IT HAD ALREADY BEEN OFFERED TO AND REJECTED BY SOMEONE WHOSE NAME THE SOURCE DID NOT RECALL. THIS WOULD EXPLAIN SZEWCZYK'S USE OF "FOR THE TIME BEING". WHATEVER DISPOSITION IS MADE OF THE POLONIA LIAISON POST, FROM THE GOP'S POINT OF VIEW ADAMSKI'S DEPARTURE WOULD LEAVE A LARGE PAIR OF SHOES TO FILL. DURING HIS FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AS SECRETARY GENERAL HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND POLES ABROAD, AN IMPORTANT POLICY OBJECTIVE OF THE GIEREK REGIME. A CONSIDERABLE MEASURE OF THAT SUCCESS, WE THINK, HAS BEEN DUE TO ADAMSKI'S PLEASANT PERSONALITY AND KEEN SENSE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. END COMMENT.
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